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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I have been served for almost fifteen years by a local competitive provider. The customer service I've received has been critical. Recently, my need for bandwidth has increased (teenagers and their videos!) and I've had to sign on with one of the large providers. I'm heartbroken to leave my local small business that has served me so well for so many years. Competition is critical to our economy, and sector by sector it seems it's being taken away. Bring back local competition. No price hikes that will increase the cost of internet and telephone services.

Local competitors rely on access to the Copper line network to provide ever better bandwidth products, and many leverage this revenue to build much needed Fiber Optic to the Home infrastructure that other large providers will not do, and the rest of the world HAS DONE. Please keep a level playing field for local internet service providers.

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